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SUBJECT: NPG-MARCH 21 STAFF GROUP MEETING

1. AT MARCH 21 MEETING, STAFF GROUP DISCUSSED RESULTS OF
NUCLEAR CONSULTATION PHASE OF WINTEX 77. THERE WAS
GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT NUCLEAR CONSULTATION PHASE
SUCCESSFULLY EXERCISED THE VARIOUS PROCEDURES DEVELOPED
OVER PAST TWO YEARS. SG REPS SAID THEIR DELEGATIONS
WERE PARTICULARLY COMPLIMENTARY OF ROLE OF NMC'S IN
CONDUCT OF EXERCISE. THE FOLLOWING WERE THE PRINCIPAL
ISSUES WHICH SG REPS RAISED FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN AN
NPG PERMREPS REPORT ON WINTEXT 77:

(1) ROLE OF DPC. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT
THAT PART-TIME PARTICIPATION BYDPC INTRODUCED
ARTIFICIALITIES AND THAT A FIXED PERIOD SPECIFICALLY
INVOLVING ALL PERMREPS WOULD BE DESIRABLE.

(B) TIMING OF MESSAGES. TIME LAG IN TRANSMISSION
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AND DISTRIBUTION OF FLASH CONSULTATION MESSAGES (MORE
THAN THREE HOURS IN SOME INSTANCES) REQUIRED EXAMINATION.

(C) CNI. SEVERAL REPS SUGGESTED THAT A CLARIFICATION
OF DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN GENERAL AND SPECIFIC MESSAGES OF
WARNING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

IS UNDERTOOK TO DRAW ON THESE PRELIMINARY COMMENTS IN
DRAFTING A PERMREPS REPORT FOR SUBSEQUENT REVIEW IN THE
STAFF GROUP.

2. COMMENT. WE EXPECT ADDITIONAL ISSUES MAY SURFACE DURING
COURSE OF REVIEW OF THE NUCLEAR CONSULTATION PHASE OF
WINTEX 77. HOWEVER, IN OUR VIEW, THE NUCLEAR PHASE WENT
SMOOTHLY, AND REVEALED NO MAJOR PROBLEMS IN THE CONSULTATION
PROCEDURES. END COMMENT.
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